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**Survey of Income and Program Participation
(SIPP) 1993 Panel, Wave 6 Topical Module
Microdata File** *[machine-readable data file] / conducted by the
U.S. Bureau of the Census. Washington: The Bureau [producer and
distributor], 1998.*

Type of File

Microdata; unit of observation is an individual.

Universe Description

The universe is the resident population of the United States, excluding persons living in institutions and military barracks.

Subject-Matter Description

The file contains data primarily from the topical module portion of the questionnaire. However, for purposes of matching persons to the core file, which was released separately, the beginning of the file contains identifying information as well as some basic demographic and social characteristics that are also contained in the core file. The identifying information includes sample unit, household address, and entry address identification. Demographic and social characteristics include age, sex, race (White; Black; American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut; Asian or Pacific Islander; and Other), ethnic origin (23 categories including 7 Spanish origin categories), marital status, and education. Data in this topical module file include work schedule, child care, child support agreements, child support, support for nonhousehold members, functional limitations and disability, utilization of health care, functional limitations and disability - children, health status and utilization of health care services, utilization of health care services - children.

The sample consists of 4 rotation groups, each interviewed in a different month from October 1994 to January 1995. For each group the reference period for reporting labor force activity and income is the four calendar months preceding the interview month.

SIPP is a longitudinal survey where each sampled household and each descendent household is reinterviewed at 4-month intervals for 9 interviews or "waves." This file contains the results of the sixth interview. Unique codes are included on each record to allow linking together the same persons from the preceding and subsequent waves.

Geographic Coverage

United States. Codes are included for 41 individual States and the District of Columbia, **although the sample was not designed to produce State estimates.** Areas in the SIPP sample in nine other States are identified in three groups for confidentiality reasons. The file identifies a subsample of metropolitan residents, along with codes for selected metropolitan statistical areas (MSA's) and consolidated metropolitan statistical areas (CMSA's).

Technical Description

File Structure: Rectangular. Each logical record for a sampled person includes information on the household and family of which the person was a part during each month of the reference period, as well as characteristics of the person.

File Size: 49,372 logical records; 4,508 character logical record length.

File Sort Sequence of Sample Units: Sampling unit identification number by entry address ID and person number within sampling unit.

Reference Materials

Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) 1993 Panel, Wave 6 Topical Module Microdata File Technical Documentation. The documentation includes this abstract, the data dictionary, an index to the data dictionary, relevant code lists, questionnaire facsimiles, and general information on SIPP.

Interviewers' Manual (1985). Survey of Income and Program Participation. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The manual is available from Administrative and Customer Services Division, Customer Services, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.

Survey of Income and Program Participation Users' Guide. The *Users' Guide* contains a general overview of the file as well as chapters on survey design and content, structure and use of cross-sectional files, linking waves and reliability of the data. A single copy accompanies each technical documentation or tape order. Additional copies are available from Customer Services, Administrative and Customer Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.

Related Printed Reports

Related printed reports include working papers, compilations of papers presented at annual meetings of the American Statistical Association, articles appearing in the *Journal of Economic and Social Measurement*, and reports in the P-70 series of the Current Population Reports. See the *Users' Guide* that accompanies the documentation for ordering information.

Related Electronic Data File

SIPP files from all Waves of the 1984 through 1992 Panel, and Waves 1-9 Core and 1-8 Topical Modules of the 1993 Panel are available from Customer Services, Administrative and Customer Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

File Availability

Files are available on computer tape at 6250 bpi, ASCII or EBCDIC, and standard ANSI labeling, on CD-R (compact disc-readable). Also, the files may be made available on IBM 3480 compatible tape cartridge. Call 301-457-4100 for price. A machine-readable dictionary is provided at the end of each file. This dictionary also is available separately on one tape reel or cartridge. Recent files may be downloaded on the Data Extraction System (DES) SURVEYS-ON-CALL www.census.gov/DES/www/welcome.html in ASCII.